

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 527

Introduced by Assembly Member Leno

February 18, 2003

An act to amend Section 12693.90 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 527, as introduced, Leno. Healthy families: advisory panel.

Existing law establishes the Healthy Families Program, administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, to arrange for the provision of health care, dental, and vision coverage to eligible children meeting certain household income requirements. Existing law requires the board to appoint a 15-member advisory panel to advise the board on policies, regulations, operations, and implementation of the program. Under existing law, the Healthy Families Program becomes inoperative on January 1, 2004.

This bill would increase the panel to 16 members by adding one member from organized labor.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12693.90 of the Insurance Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 12693.90. (a) The board shall appoint a ~~15-member~~
- 4 *16-member* advisory panel to advise the board, the chair of which
- 5 may serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board. The

- 1 panel shall be appointed and ready to perform its duties by no later
2 than February 1, 1998.
- 3 (b) The membership of the advisory panel shall be composed
4 of all of the following:
- 5 (1) Three representatives from the subscriber population.
- 6 (2) One physician and surgeon who is board certified in
7 pediatrics.
- 8 (3) One physician and surgeon who is board certified in the area
9 of family practice medicine.
- 10 (4) One member who is a licensed, practicing dentist.
- 11 (5) One representative from a licensed nonprofit primary care
12 clinic.
- 13 (6) One representative from a licensed hospital that is on the
14 disproportionate share list maintained by the State Department of
15 Health Services.
- 16 (7) One representative of the mental health provider
17 community.
- 18 (8) One representative of the substance abuse provider
19 community.
- 20 (9) One representative of the county public health provider
21 community.
- 22 (10) One representative from the education community.
- 23 (11) One representative from the health plan community.
- 24 (12) One representative from the business community.
- 25 (13) One representative from an eligible family with children
26 with special needs.
- 27 (14) *One representative of organized labor.*
- 28 (c) The advisory board members shall have demonstrated
29 expertise in the provision of health-related services to children
30 aged 18 years and under, as applicable.
- 31 (d) The advisory board members shall be composed of
32 representatives of the geographic, cultural, economic, and other
33 social factors of the state.
- 34 (e) The panel shall elect, from among its members, its chair.
- 35 (f) The panel shall have all of the following powers and duties:
- 36 (1) To advise the board on all policies, regulations, operations,
37 and implementation of the program.
- 38 (2) To consider all written recommendations of the panel and
39 respond in writing when the board rejects the advice of the panel.



1 (3) To meet at least quarterly, unless deemed unnecessary by
2 the chair.

3 (g) The members of the panel shall be reimbursed for all
4 necessary travel expenses associated with the activities of the
5 panel.

6 (h) The members of the panel who represent the subscriber
7 population may receive per diem compensation if they are
8 otherwise economically unable to meet panel responsibilities.

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